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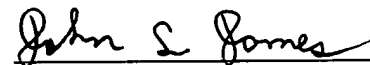
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Sir:

AFFIDAVIT OF MARK A. HIGGINS

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County of Gwinnett

Mark A. Higgins, being duly sworn, and having  
personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, hereby  
deposes and says that:

1. Prior to 1998 Mr. Dennis E. Parham and I were  
employed by The Mead Corporation.

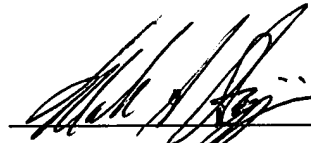
2. While employed by The Mead Corporation Mr.  
Parham and I worked together for a number years to

manufacture and market various merchandising display products.

3. During the 1990s The Mead Corporation divested itself of several of its businesses, and in 1998 divested itself of its display business which is now Display Industries, LLC.

4. While rumors of the divestment of the display business were circulating, Mr. Parham became concerned and eventually disgruntled.

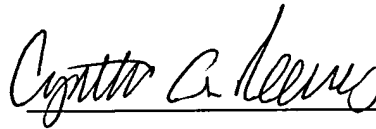
5. Prior to the divestment, when the divestment was imminent, Mr. Parham left The Mead Corporation to work for a competitor to the display business of The Mead Corporation and a direct competitor to Display Industries, LLC.



Mark A. Higgins

Sworn before me this 5 day of November, 2003.

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Notary Public, Fulton County, GA  
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